

FOUR HENRY COUNTY ASHTABULAS

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Although Ashtabula points are not plentiful in the northwestern part of Ohio, the four classic examples shown in Figure 1 were all found in Henry County. Ashtabula points are part of a little-known Late Archaic culture which was centered primarily in northeastern Ohio.

Upper left was found in Pleasant Township northwest of Pleasant Bend. Upper right, is from Flatrock Township near Standley. Lower left was found by my great-grandfather 2 miles west of New Bavaria in Pleasant Township. The largest example, lower right, came from Freedom Township 2 1/2 miles east of Gerald.



Figure 1 (Eberle). Four Henry County, Ohio, Ashtabula points - largest example is 5 1/4 inches long. Point lower left is probably Plum Run flint. The others are typical Coshocton flint.

A CACHE OF SLATE ARTIFACTS

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The slate celts shown in Figure 1 were found on our family farm in Henry County, Ohio. Since they all appeared on the surface at one time in a circular area after plowing, it is probable that they represent a cache or deposit placed there for later retrieval by their maker.

The two celts on the upper right were apparently chipped and then ground smooth, the grinding obliterating all traces of chipping. Curiously, both examples display deep striations across their centers and on the edges—a feature rarely seen on such tools. Whether these grooves were made as an aid in hafting is unknown.

The two largest celts were made by chipping the slate. Chipping scars cover their entire surfaces and there is little or no grinding or modification other than on their bits and edges.



Figure 1 (Eberle). Four slate celts. Largest celt is 10 inches long.